

AUDIT REPORT

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

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HETTINGER COUNTY
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COUNTY OFFICIALS

Ron Friedt	Chairman
Rob Larson	Vice Chairman
John Plaggenmeyer	Commissioner
Jeri Schmidt	Auditor/Treasurer
Sylvia Gion	County Recorder/Clerk of Court
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
Hettinger County
Mott, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hettinger County, Mott, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the county's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hettinger County, Mott, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 10, budgeting comparison information on pages 41 through 49 and the schedule of employer's share of net pension liability on page 50 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audits of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements. The schedules of fund activity arising from cash transactions are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedules of fund activity arising from cash transactions are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules of fund activity arising from cash transactions are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 11, 2018 on our consideration of the county's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the county's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rath and Mehrer

Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

May 11, 2018

HETTINGER COUNTY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

December 31, 2017 and 2016

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Hettinger County's financial performance provides an overall review of the county's financial activities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the county's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and related notes.

The MD&A is a new element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 "*Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments*". Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior years is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2017 are as follows:

- * Net position of the county decreased \$417,943 as a result of the current year's operations.
- * Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$1,884,830.
- * Total revenues from all sources were \$4,668,080.
- * Total expenses were \$5,086,024.
- * The county's general fund had \$1,504,583 in total revenues and \$1,650,305 in total expenditures. There was a total of \$94,412 from other financing sources. Overall, the general fund balance decreased by \$51,310 for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Key financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

- * Net position of the county increased \$1,236,736 as a result of the current year's operations.
- * Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$2,302,773.
- * Total revenues from all sources were \$7,612,223.
- * Total expenses were \$6,375,487.
- * The county's general fund had \$2,235,340 in total revenues and \$1,688,605 in total expenditures. There was a total of \$11,304 paid from other financing uses. Overall, the general fund balance increased by \$535,430 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of statements and related footnotes. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand the county as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole county, presenting both an aggregate view of the county's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. These statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the county's general fund, county road and bridge fund, highway tax distribution fund and social services fund with all other governmental funds presented in total in one column.

REPORTING ON THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

These statements are summaries of all the funds used by the county to provide programs and activities and attempt to answer the question "How did the county do financially during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016?"

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the county's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the county is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information on how the county's net position changed during the fiscal year. This statement is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which means that all changes in net position is reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick leave and/or vacation leave).

These two statements report the county's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the county as a whole, the financial position of the county has improved or deteriorated. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the county reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where most of the county's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, general government, public safety, highways and public improvement, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and conservation and economic development.

REPORTING ON THE COUNTY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

The county uses separate funds to account for and manage money dedicated for particular purposes (e.g. taxes collected from special mill levies and funds received from grants and donations). The fund basis financial statements allow the county to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the county's major funds. Using the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 34, the county's general fund, county road and bridge fund, highway tax distribution fund and social services fund are considered "major funds".

The county's other funds, which are used to account for a multitude of financial transactions, are summarized under the heading "Other Governmental Funds".

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Table I provides a summary of the county's net position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. A comparative analysis of county-wide data is presented for both current years and prior year.

As indicated in the financial highlights above, the county's net position decreased by \$417,943 and increased by \$1,236,736 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Changes in net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the county's financial position.

As of December 31, 2017 the county's net position of \$1,884,830 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets totals \$819,834. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted component of net position is \$1,140,528 of the county's net position and represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted component of net position is (\$75,532) which includes (\$818,155) relating to the reporting of it's share of the unfunded liability for the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System as required by GASB Statement No. 68. The net amount of \$742,623 is available to meet the county's ongoing obligations.

As of December 31, 2016 the county's net position of \$2,302,773 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets totals \$867,528. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted component of net position is \$1,317,514 of the county's net position and represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted component of net position is \$117,731 which includes (\$759,899) relating to the reporting of it's share of the unfunded liability for the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System as required by GASB Statement No. 68. The net amount of \$877,630 is available to meet the county's ongoing obligations.

Table I
 Net Position
 As of December 31, 2017 and 2016
 (With comparative totals for December 31, 2015)

	2017	2016	2015
<u>Assets</u>			
Current Assets	2,715,850	3,030,241	1,603,838
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	819,834	867,528	994,946
Total Assets	3,535,684	3,897,769	2,598,784
Deferred Outflows of Resources	383,329	242,291	139,139
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current Liabilities	13,428	13,360	13,293
Long-Term Liabilities	262,513	271,184	261,195
Net Pension Liability	1,085,399	814,477	715,686
Total Liabilities	1,361,340	1,099,020	990,175
Deferred Inflows of Resources	672,843	738,267	681,711
<u>Net Position</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	819,834	867,528	994,946
Restricted	1,140,528	1,317,514	548,019
Unrestricted	(75,532)	117,731	(476,927)
Total Net Position	1,884,830	2,302,773	1,066,038

Table II shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. A comparative analysis of county-wide data is presented for both current years and prior year.

Table II
 Changes in Net Position
 As of December 31, 2017 and 2016
 (With comparative totals for December 31, 2015)

	2017	2016	2015
<u>Revenues</u>			
<u>Program Revenues:</u>			
Charges for Services	824,656	1,439,010	654,880
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,339,600	3,645,854	1,139,436
<u>General Revenues:</u>			
Property Taxes	1,975,607	1,990,727	1,571,446
Other Taxes	114,970	34,819	31,617
State Aid - Unrestricted	336,682	363,609	696,604
Interest Earnings and Other Revenue	76,565	138,203	202,443
Total Revenues	4,668,080	7,612,223	4,296,426
<u>Expenses</u>			
General Government	1,254,678	1,279,052	1,282,219
Public Safety	509,152	454,253	544,461
Highways and Public Improve.	2,372,547	3,726,843	2,075,918
Health and Welfare	644,767	603,962	561,304
Culture and Recreation	54,832	53,682	22,465
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	217,723	228,287	182,279
Other	24,940	21,758	104,742
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,383	7,651	11,059
Total Expenses	5,086,024	6,375,487	4,784,447
Net Change in Position	(417,943)	1,236,736	(488,021)

Property taxes constituted 42%, unrestricted state aid 7%, operating grants and contributions 29%, and charges for services made up 18% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the county for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

General government constituted 25%, public safety 10%, highways and public improvement 47%, and health and welfare 13% of total expenses for governmental activities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Property taxes constituted 26%, unrestricted state aid 5%, operating grants and contributions 48%, and charges for services made up 19% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the county for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

General government constituted 20%, public safety 7%, highways and public improvement 58%, and health and welfare 9% of total expenses for governmental activities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table III shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and other unrestricted revenues.

Table III

Total and Net Cost of Services
As of December 31, 2017

	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2017	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2017
General Government	1,254,678	1,183,382
Public Safety	509,152	336,589
Highways and Public Improvement	2,372,547	684,260
Health and Welfare	644,767	469,499
Culture and Recreation	54,832	54,832
Conservation and Economic Dvlpmnt.	217,723	160,881
Other	24,940	24,940
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,383	7,383
Total Expenses	5,086,024	2,921,767

Total and Net Cost of Services
As of December 31, 2016

	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2016	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2016
General Government	1,279,052	1,074,055
Public Safety	454,253	246,868
Highways and Public Improvement	3,726,843	(689,205)
Health and Welfare	603,962	415,711
Culture and Recreation	53,682	53,682
Conservation and Economic Dvlpmnt.	228,287	160,104
Other	21,758	21,758
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,651	7,651
Total Expenses	6,375,487	1,290,623

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The purpose of the county's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows and balances of available resources. Unassigned fund balance generally can be used as a measure of the county's net resources available for spending as of the end of the fiscal year. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The county's governmental funds had total revenue of \$4,654,071 and expenditures of \$4,988,676 for the year ended December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017, the unassigned fund balance of the county's general fund was \$866,254 and total unassigned fund balances for all of the county's governmental funds was \$859,040. The county's governmental funds had total revenue of \$7,610,160 and expenditures of \$6,194,368 for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2016, the unassigned fund balance of the county's general fund was \$999,465 and total unassigned fund balances for all the county's governmental funds was \$989,053.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

During the course of fiscal years 2017 and 2016, the county did not amend the general fund budget.

Actual revenue for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$6,697 less than budgeted. Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2017 were under budget by \$240,870. This variance was due mainly to the county overestimating the appropriations related to the custody of prisoners and other costs related to the county sheriff's department.

Actual revenue for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$363,178 more than budgeted. This variance was due to the county underestimating the budget for permit sales, which increased due to the construction of wind towers in the area. Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2016 were under budget by \$529,640. This variance was due mainly to the county overestimating the appropriations related to the custody of prisoners and other costs related to the county sheriff's department and being under budget for numerous line items related to general government.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the county had \$819,834 and \$867,528, respectively, invested in capital assets. Table IV shows the balances as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Table IV
 Capital Assets
 (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
 As of December 31, 2017 and 2016
 (With comparative totals for December 31, 2015)

	2017	2016	2015
Buildings	90,563	94,039	97,515
Machinery and Vehicles	729,271	773,489	897,431
Total (net of depreciation)	819,834	867,528	994,946

As of December 31, 2017, this total represents a decrease of \$127,418 in capital assets from January 1, 2017. As of December 31, 2016, this total represents a decrease of \$47,694 in capital assets from January 1, 2016.

For a detailed breakdown of the additions and deletions to capital assets, readers are referred to Note 9 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of December 31, 2017, the county had \$270,490 in outstanding debt of which \$7,977 was due within one year. As of December 31, 2016, the county had \$278,891 in outstanding debt of which \$7,708 was due within one year. During fiscal years 2017 and 2016, the county did not issue any new long-term debt obligations.

For a detailed breakdown of the long-term debt, readers are referred to Note 13 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the county's finances and to show the county's accountability for the money it receives. Anyone who has questions about information contained in this report or who is interested in receiving additional information is encouraged to contact Jeri Schmidt, County Auditor, Hettinger County, Mott, ND 58646.

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2017

	Primary	Component Units		
	Governmental	Water	Job	Hettinger
	Activities	Resource	Development	County Fair
		District	Authority	Association
ASSETS:				
Cash and Investments	2,456,269.21	310,312.52	147,991.39	34,053.80
Accounts Receivable	118,769.31			
Taxes Receivable	44,016.29	1,484.84	1,500.70	
Due from County Treasurer		36,502.88	21,521.98	
Advance to Fair Board	5,000.00			
Advances to Fire Districts	91,795.50			
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):				
Buildings	90,563.00			
Machinery and Vehicles	729,271.00			
Total Capital Assets	819,834.00			
Total Assets	3,535,684.31	348,300.24	171,014.07	34,053.80
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:				
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	383,329.00			
LIABILITIES:				
Advance from Hettinger County				5,000.00
Interest Payable	5,450.92			
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Due Within One Year:				
USDA Loan Payable	7,977.35			
Due After One Year:				
USDA Loan Payable	201,012.66			
Compensated Absences	61,500.15			
Net Pension Liability	1,085,399.00			
Total Liabilities	1,361,340.08			5,000.00
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:				
Unavailable Revenue	556,758.19			
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	116,085.00			
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	672,843.19			5,000.00
NET POSITION:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	819,834.00			
Restricted for:				
Special Purposes	1,104,707.29			
Debt Service	35,821.08			
Unrestricted	(75,532.33)	348,300.24	171,014.07	29,053.80
Total Net Position	1,884,830.04	348,300.24	171,014.07	29,053.80

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

	Primary	Component Units		
	Governmental Activities	Water Resource District	Job Development Authority	Hettinger County Fair Association
ASSETS:				
Cash and Investments	2,719,884.70	294,627.91	145,336.65	30,824.21
Accounts Receivable	165,456.00			
Taxes Receivable	30,006.72	397.84	1,367.13	129.65
Due from County Treasurer		21,196.23	17,842.53	1.88
Advance to Fair Board	5,000.00			
Advances to Fire Districts	109,894.00			
Economic Development Loan Receivable			7,500.00	
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):				
Buildings	94,039.00			
Machinery and Vehicles	773,489.00			
Total Capital Assets	867,528.00			
Total Assets	3,897,769.42	316,221.98	172,046.31	30,955.74
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:				
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	242,291.00			
LIABILITIES:				
Advance from Hettinger County				5,000.00
Interest Payable	5,651.95			
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Due Within One Year:				
USDA Loan Payable	7,707.58			
Due After One Year:				
USDA Loan Payable	208,990.01			
Compensated Absences	62,193.58			
Net Pension Liability	814,477.00			
Total Liabilities	1,099,020.12			5,000.00
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:				
Unavailable Revenue	550,554.03			
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	187,713.00			
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	738,267.03			
NET POSITION:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	867,528.00			
Restricted for:				
Special Purposes	1,283,487.98			
Debt Service	34,026.10			
Unrestricted	117,731.19	316,221.98	172,046.31	25,955.74
Total Net Position	2,302,773.27	316,221.98	172,046.31	25,955.74

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

	Program Revenues			Component Units			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Water Resource District	Job Development Authority	Hettinger County Fair Association
<u>Functions/Programs</u>							
<u>Primary Government:</u>							
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>							
General Government	1,254,677.87	30,581.32	40,714.47	(1,183,382.08)			
Public Safety	509,152.30	159,374.02	13,188.79	(336,589.49)			
Highways and Public Improve.	2,372,547.27	471,464.83	1,216,822.84	(684,259.60)			
Health and Welfare	644,767.29	106,393.94	68,874.30	(469,499.05)			
Culture and Recreation	54,832.45			(54,832.45)			
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	217,723.39	56,842.32		(160,881.07)			
Other	24,939.65			(24,939.65)			
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,383.39			(7,383.39)			
Total Governmental Activities	5,086,023.61	824,656.43	1,339,600.40	(2,921,766.78)			
<u>Component Units:</u>							
Water Resource District	61,900.07	1,345.00	2,500.00		(58,055.07)		
Job Development Authority	67,691.08					(67,691.08)	
Hettinger County Fair Association	83,944.91	48,291.90	38,705.47				3,052.46
Total Component Units	213,536.06	49,636.90	41,205.47		(58,055.07)	(67,691.08)	3,052.46

<u>General Revenues:</u>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes; levied for general purposes	931,639.37	88,988.78	66,255.60
Property taxes; levied for special purposes	1,043,967.88		
County sales taxes	73,081.45		
Telecommunications taxes	25,528.07		
Disabled veterans tax credit	2,992.61		
Homestead tax credit	13,367.74		
State aid not restricted to specific program:			
State aid distribution	336,681.89		45.60
Earnings on investments and other revenue	76,564.54	1,144.55	403.24
Total General Revenues	2,503,823.55	90,133.33	66,658.84
	(417,943.23)	32,078.26	(1,032.24)
Change in Net Position	2,302,773.27	316,221.98	172,046.31
Net Position - January 1	1,884,830.04	348,300.24	171,014.07
Net Position - December 31	2,302,773.27	316,221.98	172,046.31
	1,884,830.04	348,300.24	171,014.07
	29,053.80		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

	Program Revenues			Component Units			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Gov't	Water Resource District	Job Development Authority	Hettinger County Fair Association
<u>Functions/Programs</u>							
<u>Primary Government:</u>							
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>							
General Government	1,279,052.05	52,116.03	152,880.86	(1,074,055.16)			
Public Safety	454,252.68	194,756.19	12,628.82	(246,867.67)			
Highways and Public Improve.	3,726,843.32	1,000,401.23	3,415,646.65	689,204.56			
Health and Welfare	603,961.82	123,553.49	64,697.47	(415,710.86)			
Culture and Recreation	53,681.73			(53,681.73)			
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	228,286.98	68,183.08		(160,103.90)			
Other	21,757.73			(21,757.73)			
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,650.82			(7,650.82)			
Total Governmental Activities	6,375,487.13	1,439,010.02	3,645,853.80	(1,290,623.31)			
<u>Component Units:</u>							
Water Resource District	99,674.31	1,677.00	33,434.33		(64,562.98)		
Job Development Authority	66,844.63					(66,844.63)	
Hettinger County Fair Association	93,267.93	54,227.87	45,093.16				6,053.10
Total Component Units	259,786.87	55,904.87	78,527.49		(64,562.98)	(66,844.63)	6,053.10

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes; levied for general purposes	1,009,791.66	39,651.04	83,948.94	1.88
Property taxes; levied for special purposes	980,935.43			
Telecommunications taxes	25,373.53			
Homestead tax credit	7,186.44			
Disabled veterans tax credit	2,259.28			
State aid not restricted to specific program:				
State aid distribution	363,609.40			
Earnings on investments and other revenue	138,203.32	1,583.38	1,207.84	65.17

Total General Revenues

2,527,359.06 41,234.42 85,156.78 67.05

Change in Net Position

1,236,735.75 (23,328.56) 18,312.15 6,120.15

Net Position - January 1

1,066,037.52 339,550.54 153,734.16 19,835.59

Net Position - December 31

2,302,773.27 316,221.98 172,046.31 25,955.74

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2017

Major Funds

	General	County Road and Bridge	Highway Tax Distribution	Social Services	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:						
Cash and Investments	1,282,766.61	307,738.93	82,946.04		782,817.63	2,456,269.21
Accounts Receivable		118,769.31				118,769.31
Taxes Receivable	20,427.24	7,990.82			15,598.23	44,016.29
Advance to Fair Board	5,000.00					5,000.00
Advances to Fire Districts	91,795.50					91,795.50
Total Assets	1,399,989.35	434,499.06	82,946.04	-0-	798,415.86	2,715,850.31
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Unavailable Revenue	336,939.62	143,174.62			120,660.24	600,774.48
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Advances to Other Entities	96,795.50					96,795.50
Restricted for:						
General Government					44,117.67	44,117.67
Public Safety					150,634.58	150,634.58
Highways and Public Improve.		291,324.44	82,946.04		88,548.46	462,818.94
Health and Welfare	100,000.00				6,850.67	106,850.67
Culture and Recreation					199.89	199.89
Conser. and Econ. Dvlpmnt.					71,770.03	71,770.03
Emergency Purposes					204,190.14	204,190.14
Debt Service					41,272.00	41,272.00
Capital Improvements					19,002.49	19,002.49
Other Purposes					58,383.48	58,383.48
Unassigned	866,254.23				(7,213.79)	859,040.44
Total Fund Balances	1,063,049.73	291,324.44	82,946.04	-0-	677,755.62	2,115,075.83
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	1,399,989.35	434,499.06	82,946.04	-0-	798,415.86	2,715,850.31

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HETTINGER COUNTY
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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2016

Major Funds

	General	County Road and Bridge	Highway Tax Distribution	Social Services	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:						
Cash and Investments	1,250,908.40	430,030.94	29,344.32	104,430.76	905,170.28	2,719,884.70
Accounts Receivable		165,456.00				165,456.00
Taxes Receivable	13,207.35	4,126.60			12,672.77	30,006.72
Advance to Fair Board	5,000.00					5,000.00
Advances to Fire Districts	109,894.00					109,894.00
Total Assets	1,379,009.75	599,613.54	29,344.32	104,430.76	917,843.05	3,030,241.42
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Unavailable Revenue	264,650.27	106,563.43			209,347.05	580,560.75
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Advances to Other Entities	114,894.00					114,894.00
Restricted for:						
General Government					39,888.26	39,888.26
Public Safety					72,510.24	72,510.24
Highways and Public Improve.		493,050.11	29,344.32		145,533.00	667,927.43
Health and Welfare				104,430.76	34,323.79	138,754.55
Culture and Recreation					1,308.89	1,308.89
Conser. and Econ. Dvlpmnt.					136,734.15	136,734.15
Emergency Purposes					190,897.09	190,897.09
Debt Service					39,678.05	39,678.05
Capital Improvements					54.29	54.29
Other Purposes					57,980.57	57,980.57
Unassigned	999,465.48				(10,412.33)	989,053.15
Total Fund Balances	1,114,359.48	493,050.11	29,344.32	104,430.76	708,496.00	2,449,680.67
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	1,379,009.75	599,613.54	29,344.32	104,430.76	917,843.05	3,030,241.42

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds 2,115,075.83

Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of Capital Assets	2,543,497.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,723,663.00)	
Net Capital Assets		819,834.00

Property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds. 44,016.29

The deferred outflows and inflows or resources reported on the statement of net position are the result of changes in resources related to pensions and do not affect current financial resources.

Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	383,329.00	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	(116,085.00)	
Net Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources		267,244.00

Long-term liabilities applicable to the county's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities -both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2017 are:

USDA Loan Payable	(208,990.01)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(61,500.15)	
Interest Payable	(5,450.92)	
Net Pension Liability	(1,085,399.00)	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		(1,361,340.08)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities 1,884,830.04
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Mott, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds		2,449,680.67
Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets	2,402,987.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,535,459.00)	
Net Capital Assets	<hr/>	867,528.00
Property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.		
		30,006.72
The deferred outflows and inflows or resources reported on the statement of net position are the result of changes in resources related to pensions and do not affect current financial resources.		
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	242,291.00	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	(187,713.00)	
Net Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources	<hr/>	54,578.00
Long-term liabilities applicable to the county's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities -both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2016 are:		
USDA Loan Payable	(216,697.59)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(62,193.58)	
Interest Payable	(5,651.95)	
Net Pension Liability	(814,477.00)	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<hr/>	(1,099,020.12)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities		<hr/> <u>2,302,773.27</u> =====

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General	County Road and Bridge	Highway Tax Distribution	Social Services	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues:						
Taxes	948,709.48	352,061.93			759,467.51	2,060,238.92
Licenses, Permits and Fees	5,737.00				38,922.48	44,659.48
Intergovernmental	396,333.38	820,285.40	390,450.03	48,460.81	39,566.17	1,695,095.79
Charges for Services	145,776.34	469,646.85			58,179.82	673,603.01
Miscellaneous	8,027.08	22,622.00		106,452.30	43,372.23	180,473.61
Total Revenues	1,504,583.28	1,664,616.18	390,450.03	154,913.11	939,508.21	4,654,070.81
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	1,055,754.52				137,551.65	1,193,306.17
Public Safety	438,900.31				35,212.63	474,112.94
Highways and Public Improve.		1,694,744.50	536,848.31		525.00	2,232,117.81
Health and Welfare	46,520.00			525,983.81	64,030.00	636,533.81
Culture and Recreation	48,000.00				6,832.45	54,832.45
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	8,908.61				208,122.21	217,030.82
Other	11,633.65				13,306.00	24,939.65
Capital Outlay	40,588.00	76,624.00		23,298.00		140,510.00
Debt Service:						
Principal					7,707.58	7,707.58
Interest					7,584.42	7,584.42
Total Expenditures	1,650,305.09	1,771,368.50	536,848.31	549,281.81	480,871.94	4,988,675.65
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(145,721.81)	(106,752.32)	(146,398.28)	(394,368.70)	458,636.27	(334,604.84)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfers In	111,245.51	105,026.65	200,000.00	397,866.22	16,833.45	830,971.83
Transfers Out	(16,833.45)	(200,000.00)		(107,928.28)	(506,210.10)	(830,971.83)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	94,412.06	(94,973.35)	200,000.00	289,937.94	(489,376.65)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	(51,309.75)	(201,725.67)	53,601.72	(104,430.76)	(30,740.38)	(334,604.84)
Fund Balance - January 1	1,114,359.48	493,050.11	29,344.32	104,430.76	708,496.00	2,449,680.67
Fund Balance - December 31	1,063,049.73	291,324.44	82,946.04	-0-	677,755.62	2,115,075.83

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Major Funds

	General	County Road and Bridge	Highway Tax Distribution	Social Services	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Taxes	1,028,336.94	316,014.72			669,712.55	2,014,064.21
Licenses, Permits and Fees	7,070.00				34,611.03	41,681.03
Intergovernmental	429,278.12	3,029,237.52	388,287.48	45,491.28	22,769.33	3,915,063.73
Charges for Services	641,638.95	562,890.97			69,245.58	1,273,775.50
Miscellaneous	129,015.49	66,854.96		123,553.49	46,151.15	365,575.09
Total Revenues	2,235,339.50	3,974,998.17	388,287.48	169,044.77	842,489.64	7,610,159.56
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Current:						
General Government	1,211,715.08				24,870.28	1,236,585.36
Public Safety	392,002.01				33,598.42	425,600.43
Highways and Public Improve.		3,062,624.91	508,953.54		11,187.50	3,582,765.95
Health and Welfare	13,520.00			511,010.92	62,715.39	587,246.31
Culture and Recreation	48,000.00				5,681.73	53,681.73
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	14,961.90				212,176.10	227,138.00
Other	8,406.23				13,351.50	21,757.73
Capital Outlay		44,300.00				44,300.00
Debt Service:						
Principal					7,446.94	7,446.94
Interest					7,845.06	7,845.06
Total Expenditures	1,688,605.22	3,106,924.91	508,953.54	511,010.92	378,872.92	6,194,367.51
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	546,734.28	868,073.26	(120,666.06)	(341,966.15)	463,616.72	1,415,792.05
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>						
Transfers In	5,517.09	11,508.12	150,000.00	425,560.51	16,821.16	609,406.88
Transfers Out	(16,821.16)	(150,000.00)			(442,585.72)	(609,406.88)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(11,304.07)	(138,491.88)	150,000.00	425,560.51	(425,764.56)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	535,430.21	729,581.38	29,333.94	83,594.36	37,852.16	1,415,792.05
Fund Balance - January 1	578,929.27	(236,531.27)	10.38	20,836.40	670,643.84	1,033,888.62
Fund Balance - December 31	1,114,359.48	493,050.11	29,344.32	104,430.76	708,496.00	2,449,680.67

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (334,604.84)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	140,510.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(188,204.00)	(47,694.00)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayment of debt exceeded debt proceeds.

Debt Proceeds	0.00	
Repayment of Debt	7,707.58	7,707.58

Some expenses reported on the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Decrease in Interest Payable	201.03	
Net Decrease in Compensated Absences	693.43	
Net Decrease to Pension Expense	(58,256.00)	(57,361.54)

Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures.

Net Increase in Taxes Receivable		14,009.57
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (417,943.23)

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds 1,415,792.05

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	44,300.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(171,718.00)	(127,418.00)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayment of debt exceeded debt proceeds.

Debt Proceeds	0.00	
Repayment of Debt	7,446.94	7,446.94

Some expenses reported on the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Decrease in Interest Payable	194.24	
Net Increase in Compensated Absences	(17,695.80)	
Net Increase to Pension Expense	(43,647.00)	(61,148.56)

Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures.

Net Increase in Taxes Receivable		2,063.32
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities 1,236,735.75

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
December 31, 2017

	Agency Funds
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash and Investments	1,468,226.88 =====
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Due to Other Governments	1,468,226.88 =====

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HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
December 31, 2016

	Agency Funds
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash and Investments	1,141,027.16
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<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Due to Other Governments	1,141,027.16
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2017 and 2016

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Hettinger County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the county. The county has considered all potential component units for which the county is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the county are such that exclusion would cause the county's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Government Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the county to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on Hettinger County.

Based on these criteria, the component units discussed below are included within the county's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the county.

Discretely Presented Component Units: The component units' columns in the basic financial statements include the financial data of the county's three component units. These units are reported in separate columns to emphasize that they are legally separate from the county.

Hettinger County Water Resource District: The Hettinger County Water Resource District's governing board is appointed by the county's governing board. The county's governing body has the authority to disapprove, amend, or approve the water resource district budget. The water resource district has the authority to issue its own debt.

Hettinger County Job Development Authority: The Hettinger County Job Development Authority's governing board is appointed by the county's governing board. The county's governing body has the authority to disapprove, amend, or approve the job development authority budget. The job development authority has the authority to issue its own debt.

Hettinger County Fair Association: The Hettinger County Fair Association's governing board is appointed by the county's governing board. The county's governing body has the authority to disapprove, amend, or approve the fair association budget. The fair association has the authority to issue its own debt.

The financial statements of each of the three discretely presented component units are presented in the basic financial statements. Additional information may be obtained from the Hettinger County Auditor, 336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, ND 58646.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, Hettinger County and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the county's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the county's funds including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental and fiduciary - are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The county reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the county's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

County Road and Bridge. This fund is the county's primary road maintenance fund. It accounts for a special levy and all financial resources related to highway maintenance and repair, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Highway Tax Distribution. This fund accounts for the highway tax distribution from the State of North Dakota to be used for the maintenance and repair of roads within the county.

Social Services. This is the county's primary health and welfare fund. It accounts for all financial resources related to health and welfare, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The county reports the following fund type:

Agency Funds. These funds account for assets held by the county in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The county's agency funds are used to account for various deposits of other governments.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting
and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements: The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. These financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the county gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The county considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. All revenues are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the county funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursements grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted components of net position available to finance the program. It is the county's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then by general revenues.

D. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and money market accounts.

Investments consist of certificates of deposit stated at cost.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets include plant and equipment. Assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the county as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	40 to 100 years
Machinery and Vehicles	5 to 10 years

F. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Compensation for unused vacation leave will be granted to all full-time employees upon termination of employment with the county. The employees may carry forward a maximum of 160 hours of accrued annual leave.

All employees will be paid up to 60 days of accumulated unused sick leave upon termination of employment or retirement. Employees with over ten years of continuous employment service will receive \$10 per day payment up to 60 days. Those employees with over twenty years of continuous employment service will receive \$20 per day payment up to 60 days.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

H. Pension

For purposes of measuring net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS); additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

I. Fund Equity

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance." Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position."

Fund Balance - Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the county is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash such as inventories or prepaid expenses) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (i.e., endowment funds).

Restricted - Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the county or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments (i.e., funds restricted by state statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants or taxes raised for a specific purpose).

Committed - Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the county commission through the adoption of a resolution. The county commission also may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned - Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the county's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The county reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative fund balances may be reported in all funds.

Flow Assumptions - When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the county's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the county's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- * Committed
- * Assigned
- * Unassigned

Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the county has not spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted as described in the fund balance section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

J. Interfund Transactions

In the governmental fund statements, transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

K. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the county maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal Land Bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investments companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district or any other political subdivision of the State of North Dakota, whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by another state of the United States or other securities approved by the banking board.

At December 31, 2017 the county's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,924,073 and the bank balance was \$3,988,843. Of the bank balance, \$350,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$3,638,843 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

At December 31, 2016 the county's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,860,489 and the bank balance was \$3,876,837. Of the bank balance, \$350,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$3,526,837 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Credit Risk

The county may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (1) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities or organizations created by an act of Congress.
- (2) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above.
- (3) Certificates of deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (4) Obligations of the State.

At December 31, 2017 the county held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$520,983, which are all considered deposits.

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Concentration of Credit Risk

The county does not have a limit on the amount the county may invest in any one issuer.

Note 3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consist of amounts on open account due the highway department at December 31 for roadwork performed for cities, townships and individuals. No allowance has been established for estimated uncollectible accounts receivable.

Note 4 TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable represent the past two years of uncollected current and delinquent taxes. No allowance has been established for uncollectible taxes receivable.

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Any material tax collections are distributed after the end of each month.

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1 and may be paid in two installments. The first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments and the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes in a single payment on or before February 15 and receive the discount on the property taxes.

Note 5 DUE FROM COUNTY TREASURER

The amount due from county treasurer consists of the cash on hand for taxes collected but not remitted to the Water Resource District, Job Development Authority and Fair Association.

Note 6 ADVANCE TO FAIR BOARD

This amount consists of a loan to the Hettinger County Fair Association from the general fund for the purpose of electrical wiring at the fairgrounds. The general fund is not charging interest and the fair board is repaying the loan as funds become available.

Note 7 ADVANCES TO RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS

This amount consists of loans to the Mott Rural Fire District, New England Rural Fire District and Regent Rural Fire District from the general fund for the purpose of fire hall improvements. The general fund is not charging interest and the rural fire districts are repaying the loans as funds become available.

Note 8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN RECEIVABLE

This amount consists of a loan to the Regent Development Corporation. This loan will be repaid as funds become available.

Note 9 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2017</u>			
	Balance			Balance
	<u>January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets</i>				
<i>being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	244,300			244,300
Machinery and Vehicles	2,158,687	140,510		2,299,197
Total	2,402,987	140,510		2,543,497
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	150,261	3,476		153,737
Machinery and Vehicles	1,385,198	184,728		1,569,926
Total	1,535,459	188,204		1,723,663
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	867,528	(47,694)	-0-	819,834
	=====	=====	=====	=====

2016

	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	244,300			244,300
Machinery and Vehicles	2,135,387	44,300	21,000	2,158,687
Total	<u>2,379,687</u>	<u>44,300</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>2,402,987</u>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and Infrastructure	146,785	3,476		150,261
Machinery and Vehicles	1,237,956	168,242	21,000	1,385,198
Total	<u>1,384,741</u>	<u>171,718</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>1,535,459</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>994,946</u>	<u>(127,418)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>867,528</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the county as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>		
General Government	2,115	2,115
Public Safety	33,576	25,458
Highways and Public Improve.	145,955	142,247
Health and Welfare	5,493	833
Cons. and Econ Dev.	1,065	1,065
Total	<u>188,204</u>	<u>171,718</u>

Note 10 UNAVAILABLE REVENUE

Unavailable revenue on the fund financial statements consists of amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, such amounts are measurable but not available.

Unavailable revenue on the government-wide financial statements consists of prepaid property taxes.

Note 11 ADVANCE FROM HETTINGER COUNTY

This amount consists of a loan to the Hettinger County Fair Association for the purpose of electrical wiring at the fairgrounds. The general fund is not charging interest and the fair board is repaying the loan as funds become available.

Note 12 INTEREST PAYABLE

Interest payable consists of interest on long-term liabilities accrued to December 31.

Note 13 LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities. During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the long-term liabilities - Governmental Activities:

	<u>2017</u>				
	<u>Balance</u> <u>January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
USDA Loan Payable	216,698		7,708	208,990	7,977
Compensated Absences *	62,194		693	61,500	
Total	<u>278,892</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>8,401</u>	<u>270,490</u>	<u>7,977</u>

	<u>2016</u>				
	<u>Balance</u> <u>January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
USDA Loan Payable	224,145		7,447	216,698	7,708
Compensated Absences *	44,498	17,696		62,194	
Total	<u>268,643</u>	<u>17,696</u>	<u>7,447</u>	<u>278,892</u>	<u>7,708</u>

* The change in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of increases and decreases.

Outstanding debt at December 31, 2017 consists of the following:

Governmental Activities:

General Obligation Debt. General obligation debt is a direct obligation and pledges the full faith and credit of the government. General obligation debt outstanding at December 31, 2017, is as follows:

USDA Loan Payable. The city has received a Rural Development loan through the United States Dept. of Agriculture for the purpose of updating the electrical and lighting systems in the county courthouse.

\$234,012.43 Rural Development loan, due in annual installments of \$15,292.00 through March 3, 2035 and a final payment of \$5,872.35 on March 3, 2036; payments include interest at 3.5%.

208,990.01
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The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding rural development loan payable are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	7,977.35	7,314.65
2019	8,256.56	7,035.44
2020	8,545.54	6,746.46
2021	8,844.63	6,447.37
2022	9,154.19	6,137.81
2023-2027	50,807.17	25,652.83
2028-2032	60,342.96	16,117.04
2033-2036	55,061.61	4,835.96
Total	<u>208,990.01</u>	<u>80,287.56</u>

Note 14 TRANSFERS

The following is a reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements for the years ended December 31:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
<u>December 31, 2017</u>		
Social Services	397,866.22	
Poor Relief		397,866.22
Abandoned Cemeteries	12.29	
General Fund		12.29
USDA Loan/Courthouse		
Renovation	16,821.16	
General Fund		16,821.16
County Road and Bridge	104,079.50	
Unorganized Township Road		104,079.50
Highway Tax Distribution	200,000.00	
County Road and Bridge		200,000.00
To subsidize expenditures.		
General Fund	111,245.51	
County Road and Bridge	947.15	
Farm to Market Road		900.82
Social Services		107,928.28
Social Security		974.53
Advertising		8.97
Insurance Reserve		294.52
County Park District		349.59
Regional Correction Center		400.59
Comprehensive Health Care		689.03
County Road		646.33
To close funds.		
<u>December 31, 2016</u>		
Social Services	425,560.51	
Poor Relief		425,560.51
USDA Loan/Courthouse		
Renovation	16,821.16	
General Fund		16,821.16
County Road and Bridge	8,233.00	
Unorganized Township Road		8,233.00
Highway Tax Distribution	150,000.00	
County Road and Bridge		150,000.00
To subsidize expenditures.		
General Fund	5,517.09	
County Road and Bridge	3,275.12	
Farm to Market Road		1,928.85
Social Security		2,086.96
Advertising		42.23
Insurance Reserve		818.02
Regional Correction Center		1,094.56
Comprehensive Health Care		1,475.32
County Road		1,346.27
To transfer amounts from discontinued levies.		

Note 15 DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

The following fund had a deficit balance at December 31:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>		
County Agent	(7,213.79)	(10,412.33)

The county plans to eliminate this deficit with future revenue collections and/or transfers from other funds.

Note 16 RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The county is also responsible for levying a property tax for the Hettinger County Senior Citizens and Historical Society. However, the county's accountability for these entities does not extend beyond levying the tax. In 2017 and 2016, the county remitted \$64,030.00 and \$62,715.39 to the Senior Citizens and \$6,832.45 and \$5,681.73 to the Historical Society, respectively.

Note 17 RISK MANAGEMENT

Hettinger County is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The county pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and automobile; and \$1,698,586 for public assets.

The county also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The county pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of \$1,000,000 per occurrence during a 12 month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the county with a blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The county has worker's compensation with the Department of Workforce Safety and Insurance; and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 18 PENSION PLAN

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the NDPERS plan is financed by investment income and contributions.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS benefits program is assigned to a Board comprised of seven members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by active membership of the NDPERS system; and one member elected by the retired public employees.

Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provision or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Members of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016 the Rule of 85 will be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, life-time monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition of disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Refunds of Member Account Balance

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of covered compensation. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 7.12% of covered compensation.

The member's account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member's contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25 and the maximum may not exceed the following:

- 1 to 12 months of service -
Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 13 to 25 months of service -
Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 25 to 36 months of service -
Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25
- Longer than 36 months of service -
Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense; and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2017, Hettinger County reported a liability of \$1,085,399 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The county's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the county's share of covered payroll in the Main System pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At June 30, 2016 the county's proportion was .111369 percent, which was a decrease of .008410 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended December 31, 2017 the county recognized pension expense of \$141,222. At December 31, 2017 the county reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources -----	Deferred Inflows of Resources -----
Differences between expected and actual experience	16,305	10,050
Changes in assumptions	100,060	53,923
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	151,429	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	31,428	52,112
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date (see below)	84,107	
Total	383,329 =====	116,085 =====

\$84,107 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from city contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2018.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30: -----	
2018	33,893
2019	33,893
2020	66,927
2021	41,737
2022	6,687
Thereafter	0

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.50%
Salary increases	4.50% per annum
Investment rate of return	8.00%, net of investment expenses.
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females, projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Morality Table with ages set back one year for males (not set back for females) multiplied by 125%.

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2015. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2016, funding actuarial valuation for NDPERS.

As a result of the 2015 actuarial experience study, the NDPERS Board adopted several changes to the actuarial assumptions effective July 1, 2015. This includes changes to the mortality tables, disability incidence rates, retirement rates, administrative expenses, salary scale, and percent married assumption.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the fund's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31%	6.90%
International Equity	21%	7.55%
Private Equity	5%	11.30%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	1.52%
International Equity Income	5%	0.45%
Global Real Assets	20%	5.38%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8 percent as of June 30, 2016. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2016, Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of June 30, 2016. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016.

Sensitivity of the county's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the county's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well as what the county's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (7%)	Current Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
The county's proportionate share of the net pension liability	1,539,618	1,085,399	702,697

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NDPERS financial report.

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	944,393.30	944,393.30	948,709.48	4,316.18
Licenses, Permits and Fees	400.00	400.00	5,737.00	5,337.00
Intergovernmental	493,687.00	493,687.00	396,333.38	(97,353.62)
Charges for Services	71,300.00	71,300.00	145,776.34	74,476.34
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	1,500.00	8,027.08	6,527.08
Total Revenues	1,511,280.30	1,511,280.30	1,504,583.28	(6,697.02)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government	1,154,559.39	1,154,559.39	1,055,754.52	98,804.87
Public Safety	655,746.00	655,746.00	438,900.31	216,845.69
Health and Welfare	13,520.00	13,520.00	46,520.00	(33,000.00)
Culture and Recreation	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	
Conservation and Economic Development	12,350.00	12,350.00	8,908.61	3,441.39
Other	7,000.00	7,000.00	11,633.65	(4,633.65)
Capital Outlay			40,588.00	(40,588.00)
Total Expenditures	1,891,175.39	1,891,175.39	1,650,305.09	240,870.30
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(379,895.09)	(379,895.09)	(145,721.81)	234,173.28
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			111,245.51	111,245.51
Transfers Out	(16,821.16)	(16,821.16)	(16,833.45)	(12.29)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(16,821.16)	(16,821.16)	94,412.06	111,233.22
Net Change in Fund Balances	(396,716.25)	(396,716.25)	(51,309.75)	345,406.50
Fund Balance - January 1	1,114,359.48	1,114,359.48	1,114,359.48	
Fund Balance - December 31	717,643.23	717,643.23	1,063,049.73	345,406.50

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	1,025,037.67	1,025,037.67	1,028,336.94	3,299.27
Licenses, Permits and Fees	500.00	500.00	7,070.00	6,570.00
Intergovernmental	587,724.00	587,724.00	429,278.12	(158,445.88)
Charges for Services	187,500.00	187,500.00	641,638.95	454,138.95
Miscellaneous	71,400.00	71,400.00	129,015.49	57,615.49
Total Revenues	1,872,161.67	1,872,161.67	2,235,339.50	363,177.83
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	1,430,229.40	1,430,229.40	1,211,715.08	218,514.32
Public Safety	701,216.00	701,216.00	392,002.01	309,213.99
Health and Welfare	24,000.00	24,000.00	13,520.00	10,480.00
Culture and Recreation	50,000.00	50,000.00	48,000.00	2,000.00
Conservation and Economic Development	7,800.00	7,800.00	14,961.90	(7,161.90)
Other	5,000.00	5,000.00	8,406.23	(3,406.23)
Total Expenditures	2,218,245.40	2,218,245.40	1,688,605.22	529,640.18
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(346,083.73)	(346,083.73)	546,734.28	892,818.01
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In			5,517.09	5,517.09
Transfers Out	(16,821.16)	(16,821.16)	(16,821.16)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(16,821.16)	(16,821.16)	(11,304.07)	5,517.09
Net Change in Fund Balances	(362,904.89)	(362,904.89)	535,430.21	898,335.10
Fund Balance - January 1	578,929.27	578,929.27	578,929.27	
Fund Balance - December 31	216,024.38	216,024.38	1,114,359.48	898,335.10

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
County Road and Bridge Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	367,471.33	367,471.33	352,061.93	(15,409.40)
Intergovernmental	1,750.00	1,750.00	820,285.40	818,535.40
Charges for Services	205,000.00	205,000.00	469,646.85	264,646.85
Miscellaneous	36,000.00	36,000.00	22,622.00	(13,378.00)
Total Revenues	610,221.33	610,221.33	1,664,616.18	1,054,394.85
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	406,000.00	406,000.00	1,694,744.50	(1,288,744.50)
Capital Outlay			76,624.00	(76,624.00)
Total Expenditures	406,000.00	406,000.00	1,771,368.50	(1,365,368.50)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	204,221.33	204,221.33	(106,752.32)	(310,973.65)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			105,026.65	105,026.65
Transfers Out	(200,000.00)	(200,000.00)	(200,000.00)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(200,000.00)	(200,000.00)	(94,973.35)	105,026.65
Net Change in Fund Balances	4,221.33	4,221.33	(201,725.67)	(205,947.00)
Fund Balance - January 1	493,050.11	493,050.11	493,050.11	
Fund Balance - December 31	497,271.44	497,271.44	291,324.44	(205,947.00)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
County Road and Bridge Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	328,552.00	328,552.00	316,014.72	(12,537.28)
Intergovernmental	4,005,868.00	4,005,868.00	3,029,237.52	(976,630.48)
Charges for Services	117,000.00	117,000.00	562,890.97	445,890.97
Miscellaneous	210,000.00	210,000.00	66,854.96	(143,145.04)
Total Revenues	4,661,420.00	4,661,420.00	3,974,998.17	(686,421.83)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	4,535,775.00	4,535,775.00	3,062,624.91	1,473,150.09
Capital Outlay			44,300.00	(44,300.00)
Total Expenditures	4,535,775.00	4,535,775.00	3,106,924.91	1,428,850.09
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	125,645.00	125,645.00	868,073.26	742,428.26
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			11,508.12	11,508.12
Transfers Out	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)	(150,000.00)	(100,000.00)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)	(138,491.88)	(88,491.88)
Net Change in Fund Balances	75,645.00	75,645.00	729,581.38	653,936.38
Fund Balance - January 1	(236,531.27)	(236,531.27)	(236,531.27)	
Fund Balance - December 31	(160,886.27)	(160,886.27)	493,050.11	653,936.38

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Highway Tax Distribution Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	385,599.00	385,599.00	390,450.03	4,851.03
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	581,000.00	581,000.00	536,848.31	44,151.69
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(195,401.00)	(195,401.00)	(146,398.28)	49,002.72
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Net Change in Fund Balances	4,599.00	4,599.00	53,601.72	49,002.72
Fund Balance - January 1	29,344.32	29,344.32	29,344.32	
Fund Balance - December 31	33,943.32	33,943.32	82,946.04	49,002.72

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Highway Tax Distribution Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	475,626.00	475,626.00	388,287.48	(87,338.52)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	475,626.00	475,626.00	508,953.54	(33,327.54)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures			(120,666.06)	(120,666.06)
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In			150,000.00	150,000.00
Net Change in Fund Balances			29,333.94	29,333.94
Fund Balance - January 1	10.38	10.38	10.38	
Fund Balance - December 31	10.38	10.38	29,344.32	29,333.94

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Social Services Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	42,269.80	42,269.80	48,460.81	6,191.01
Miscellaneous	100,000.00	100,000.00	106,452.30	6,452.30
Total	142,269.80	142,269.80	154,913.11	12,643.31
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Health and Welfare	609,790.00	609,790.00	525,983.81	83,806.19
Capital Outlay			23,298.00	(23,298.00)
Total Expenditures	609,790.00	609,790.00	549,281.81	60,508.19
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(467,520.20)	(467,520.20)	(394,368.70)	73,151.50
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In	470,000.00	470,000.00	397,866.22	(72,133.78)
Transfers Out			(107,928.28)	(107,928.28)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	470,000.00	470,000.00	289,937.94	(180,062.06)
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,479.80	2,479.80	(104,430.76)	(106,910.56)
Fund Balance - January 1	104,430.76	104,430.76	104,430.76	
Fund Balance - December 31	106,910.56	106,910.56	-0-	(106,910.56)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Social Services Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	41,210.00	41,210.00	45,491.28	4,281.28
Miscellaneous	100,000.00	100,000.00	123,553.49	23,553.49
Total	141,210.00	141,210.00	169,044.77	27,834.77
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Health and Welfare	594,567.00	594,567.00	511,010.92	83,556.08
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(453,357.00)	(453,357.00)	(341,966.15)	111,390.85
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In	360,000.00	360,000.00	425,560.51	65,560.51
Net Change in Fund Balances	(93,357.00)	(93,357.00)	83,594.36	176,951.36
Fund Balance - January 1	20,836.40	20,836.40	20,836.40	
Fund Balance - December 31	(72,520.60)	(72,520.60)	104,430.76	176,951.36

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Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules
December 31, 2017 and 2016

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BUDGET POLICIES

Annually, the board of county commissioners provides each office a department budget. The departments complete their budget and file it with the county auditor. Based upon the departmental budget requests and other financial information, the county auditor prepares the preliminary county budget. The budget is prepared for the general and special revenue funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The preliminary budget includes the proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

The board of county commissioners holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may testify in favor or against any proposed expenditures or tax levies requested in the preliminary budget. After the budget hearing and on or before the October meeting, the board adopts the final budget and shall determine the amount of taxes that shall be levied for county purposes and shall levy all such taxes in specific amounts. No expenditure shall be made or liability incurred in excess of the total appropriation by fund, except for transfers as authorized by the North Dakota Century Code Section 11-23-07. However, the board of county commissioners may amend the budget, except for property taxes, during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. The budget amendments must be approved by the board and the approval must be noted in the proceedings of the board.

Note 2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The governing board did not amend the budgets during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Budget

Expenditures exceeded budget in the following funds for the years ending December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	2017	2016
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
County Road and Bridge	1,365,368.50	
Highway Tax Distribution		33,327.54
Weed Control		2,418.54
* Abandoned Cemeteries	300.00	
Emergency 911	2,747.63	
Senior Citizens	2,500.00	
* Comprehensive Health Care	79.65	
* USDA Loan/Crt. House Ren.	15,298.00	15,293.50

* A budget was not prepared for these funds.

No remedial action is anticipated or required by the county regarding these excess expenditures.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015
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County's proportion of the net pension liability	0.111369%	0.119779%	0.112756%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	1,085,399	814,477	715,686
County's covered-employee payroll	1,122,496	1,074,158	1,007,775
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	96.70%	75.82%	71.02%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	70.46%	77.15%	77.70%

Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015
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Statutorily required contribution	79,922	76,480	66,791
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(79,922)	(76,480)	(66,791)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0	0
County's covered-employee payroll	1,122,496	1,074,158	1,007,775
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.12%	7.12%	6.63%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

- For changes of assumptions, see Note 18 to the financial statements.

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Schedule of Fund Activity
Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Balance 1-1-17	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-17
Major Governmental Funds						
General Fund	1,250,908.40	1,587,751.24	111,245.51	16,833.45	1,650,305.09	1,282,766.61
County Road and Bridge	430,030.94	1,744,049.84	105,026.65	200,000.00	1,771,368.50	307,738.93
Highway Tax Distribution	29,344.32	390,450.03	200,000.00		536,848.31	82,946.04
Social Services	104,430.76	154,913.11	397,866.22	107,928.28	549,281.81	
Total Major Governmental Funds	1,814,714.42	3,877,164.22	814,138.38	324,761.73	4,507,803.71	1,673,451.58
Non-Major Governmental Funds						
Farm to Market Road	10.12	890.70		900.82		
Unorganized Township Road	154,889.43	52,931.52		104,079.50	525.00	103,216.45
Emergency	194,794.48	15,073.72				209,868.20
Veterans Service Officer	8,855.85	8,695.61			13,000.00	4,551.46
Social Security	10.94	963.59		974.53		
Advertising	0.08	8.89		8.97		
County Agent	12,494.99	95,291.85			84,360.09	23,426.75
Poor Relief	136,056.94	261,809.28		397,866.22		
County Special Assessments	135.69					135.69
County Interest	50,685.06	6,706.67				57,391.73
Insurance Reserve	3.29	291.23		294.52		
Weed Control	136,734.15	67,089.19			123,762.12	80,061.22
Abandoned Cemeteries	287.71		12.29		300.00	
Hazardous Chemicals	8,505.67	1,337.50				9,843.17
Flex Compensation	39,866.18	28,931.49			24,680.00	44,117.67
Emergency 9-1-1	64,000.11	38,922.48			35,212.63	67,709.96
County Park District	239.86	109.73		349.59		
Senior Citizens	16,432.81	64,542.73			64,030.00	16,945.54
County Historical Society	2,778.71	6,235.93			6,832.45	2,182.19
Regional Correction Center	4.46	396.13		400.59		
Comprehensive Health Care	7.77	760.91		689.03	79.65	
County Road	7.26	639.07		646.33		
County Sales Tax		73,081.45				73,081.45
Capital Improvements	38,690.67	126,057.87			115,734.39	49,014.15
USDA Loan/Courthouse Renovation	39,678.05	70.79	16,821.16		15,298.00	41,272.00
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	905,170.28	850,838.33	16,833.45	506,210.10	483,814.33	782,817.63
Total Governmental Funds	2,719,884.70	4,728,002.55	830,971.83	830,971.83	4,991,618.04	2,456,269.21
Agency Funds						
Clerk of Court Trust	353.23					353.23
Domestic Violence		245.00			210.00	35.00
Mobile Home Tax	8,220.74					8,220.74
Tax Estimate	758.81	7,518.40			6,872.87	1,404.34
County Supt. Contingency	40.98					40.98
Extension	6,276.92	20.00			6,296.92	
State Tax	6,890.00	23,621.05			21,449.16	9,061.89

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Schedule of Fund Activity
Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017
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	Balance 1-1-17	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-17
<u>Agency Funds (continued)</u>						
24/7 Sheriff Program	2,029.40	3,240.00			3,781.40	1,488.00
Preservation	39,346.05	12,887.25			15,393.58	36,839.72
State Land Trust		1,869.75			1,869.75	
Soil Conservation	15,154.49	65,079.36			61,038.16	19,195.69
Soil Conservation Ins. Reserve	1.00	39.16			39.99	0.17
Southwest District Health	22,719.55	88,385.24			80,238.89	30,865.90
Victim Witness	4,263.00	25.00				4,288.00
Sheriff Trust	9,943.71					9,943.71
County Gas and Oil	300.17					300.17
Aid to County Fair	1.88	164.81			166.69	
Job Development Authority	17,842.53	66,122.03			62,442.58	21,521.98
Southwest Water Authority	6,942.97	25,764.16			23,931.09	8,776.04
Water Resource District	21,196.23	87,901.78			72,595.13	36,502.88
Total Cities & City Park Districts	145,319.80	689,169.68			636,591.13	197,898.35
Total Townships	82,862.28	458,494.54			450,162.39	91,194.43
Total School Districts	698,731.07	2,605,295.79			2,402,125.03	901,901.83
Total Fire Protection Districts	32,803.83	163,057.59			152,851.74	43,009.68
Total Ambulance Districts	19,028.52	111,644.21			85,288.58	45,384.15
Total Agency Funds	1,141,027.16	4,410,544.80			4,083,345.08	1,468,226.88
Total Primary Government	3,860,911.86	9,138,547.35	830,971.83	830,971.83	9,074,963.12	3,924,496.09
<u>Discretely Presented</u>						
<u>Component Units</u>						
Water Resource District	294,627.91	77,584.68			61,900.07	310,312.52
Job Development Authority	145,336.65	70,345.82			67,691.08	147,991.39
Hettinger County Fair Association	30,824.21	87,174.50			83,944.91	34,053.80
Total Discretely Presented Component Units	470,788.77	235,105.00			213,536.06	492,357.71
Total Reporting Entity	4,331,700.63	9,373,652.35	830,971.83	830,971.83	9,288,499.18	4,416,853.80

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Schedule of Fund Activity
Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Balance 1-1-16	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-16
Major Governmental Funds						
General Fund	769,392.98	2,231,424.71	5,517.09	16,821.16	1,738,605.22	1,250,908.40
County Road and Bridge	(146,013.84)	3,821,461.57	11,508.12	150,000.00	3,106,924.91	430,030.94
Highway Tax Distribution	10.38	388,287.48	150,000.00		508,953.54	29,344.32
Social Services	20,836.40	169,044.77	425,560.51		511,010.92	104,430.76
Total Major Governmental Funds	644,225.92	6,610,218.53	592,585.72	166,821.16	5,865,494.59	1,814,714.42
Non-Major Governmental Funds						
Farm to Market Road		1,938.97		1,928.85		10.12
Unorganized Township Road	111,700.29	62,609.64		8,233.00	11,187.50	154,889.43
Emergency	190,675.29	4,119.19				194,794.48
Veterans Service Officer	13,654.09	8,251.76			13,050.00	8,855.85
Social Security		2,097.90		2,086.96		10.94
Advertising		42.31		42.23		0.08
County Agent	17,157.93	79,719.62			84,382.56	12,494.99
Poor Relief	130,170.09	431,447.36		425,560.51		136,056.94
County Special Assessments	135.69					135.69
County Interest	46,057.10	4,627.96				50,685.06
Insurance Reserve		821.31		818.02		3.29
Weed Control	183,058.25	81,469.44			127,793.54	136,734.15
Abandoned Cemeteries	587.71				300.00	287.71
Hazardous Chemicals	7,443.17	1,062.50				8,505.67
Flex Compensation	32,101.82	32,634.64			24,870.28	39,866.18
Emergency 9-1-1	62,987.50	34,611.03			33,598.42	64,000.11
County Park District		239.86				239.86
Senior Citizens	13,452.32	65,695.88			62,715.39	16,432.81
County Historical Society	2,646.61	5,813.83			5,681.73	2,778.71
Regional Correction Center		1,099.02		1,094.56		4.46
Comprehensive Health Care		1,483.09		1,475.32		7.77
County Road		1,353.53		1,346.27		7.26
Capital Improvements		38,690.67				38,690.67
USDA Loan/Courthouse Renovation	38,097.89	52.50	16,821.16		15,293.50	39,678.05
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	849,925.75	859,882.01	16,821.16	442,585.72	378,872.92	905,170.28
Total Governmental Funds	1,494,151.67	7,470,100.54	609,406.88	609,406.88	6,244,367.51	2,719,884.70
Agency Funds						
Clerk of Court Trust	353.23					353.23
Mobile Home Tax	8,220.74					8,220.74
Tax Estimate	1,983.81	2,051.91			3,276.91	758.81
County Supt. Contingency	40.98					40.98
Extension	7,074.77	161.64			959.49	6,276.92
State Tax	6,533.41	20,537.19			20,180.60	6,890.00

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Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016
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	Balance 1-1-16	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Balance 12-31-16
<u>Agency Funds (continued)</u>						
24/7 Sheriff Program	802.60	8,548.00			7,321.20	2,029.40
Game and Fish	212.01	3,271.99			3,484.00	
Preservation	27,045.42	21,767.00			9,466.37	39,346.05
State Land Trust	3,052.48	1,725.94			4,778.42	
Soil Conservation	13,298.70	56,608.72			54,752.93	15,154.49
Soil Conservation Ins. Reserve	93.59	120.19			212.78	1.00
Southwest District Health	23,027.17	83,867.43			84,175.05	22,719.55
Victim Witness	4,263.00					4,263.00
Sheriff Trust	9,943.71					9,943.71
County Gas and Oil	300.17					300.17
Aid to County Fair		358.61			356.73	1.88
Job Development Authority	26,675.21	83,720.28			92,552.96	17,842.53
Southwest Water Authority	6,729.16	24,709.36			24,495.55	6,942.97
Water Resource District	7,415.55	39,631.72			25,851.04	21,196.23
Total Cities & City Park Districts	138,267.69	559,196.22			552,144.11	145,319.80
Total Townships	76,703.26	589,338.50			583,179.48	82,862.28
Total School Districts	523,890.75	2,007,126.89			1,832,286.57	698,731.07
Total Fire Protection Districts	31,565.23	117,299.21			116,060.61	32,803.83
Total Ambulance Districts		19,028.52				19,028.52
Total Agency Funds	917,492.64	3,639,069.32			3,415,534.80	1,141,027.16
Total Primary Government	2,411,644.31	11,109,169.86	609,406.88	609,406.88	9,659,902.31	3,860,911.86
<u>Discretely Presented</u>						
<u>Component Units</u>						
Water Resource District	331,756.47	62,545.75			99,674.31	294,627.91
Job Development Authority	114,670.48	97,510.80			66,844.63	145,336.65
Hettinger County Fair Association	29,404.10	99,688.04			98,267.93	30,824.21
Total Discretely Presented Component Units	475,831.05	259,744.59			264,786.87	470,788.77
Total Reporting Entity	2,887,475.36	11,368,914.45	609,406.88	609,406.88	9,924,689.18	4,331,700.63

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
Hettinger County
Mott, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hettinger County, Mott, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the county's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the county's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the county's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control or on compliance. This is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the county's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

May 11, 2018

HETTINGER COUNTY
Mott, North Dakota

Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS:

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Discretely Presented Component Units	Unmodified
Major Governmental Funds	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

* Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes	___X___ No
* Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ Yes	___X___ None Reported
Noncompliance Material to financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	___X___ No

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

No matters were reported